

General Terms and Conditions



The Nürburgring motorsport complex is going to release its race track for use for touristic drives (tourist drives) on days when it is not being used for racing events or test drives. The German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO) shall apply to such tourist drives insofar as nothing to the contrary is agreed.

Section 1 – Driving permit (driving licence)

- 1) Only motor vehicles which comply with the German Road Vehicle Registration Regulation (StVZO) shall be allowed to drive on the Nürburgring. Vehicles which due to their design or because of their technical condition have a minimum speed slower than 60 km/h and quad bikes shall be exempted from the tourist drives. Trucks shall also not be allowed to drive on the race track. Formula vehicles shall not be permitted for tourist drives, even if they have road licences.
- 2) Each vehicle driver must be in possession of a valid ticket from the Nürburgring Automotive GmbH and a valid driving licence. Persons who are in possession of a driving licence in the sense of the “accompanied driving from the age of 17 (BF17)” in accordance with Section 48a of the ordinance on the authorisation of persons to drive on the road (learners’ licence) shall be exempted from participation. The driver must carry the driving licence and the vehicle registration papers with him/her.
- 3) Drivers of vehicles which are not registered in Germany must carry proof of insurance with them.
- 4) Driving the Northern loop with a year card transponder shall be exclusively allowed in combination with a valid ID card. Driving the Nordschleife with a year card transponder without a valid ID card shall not be allowed.
- 5) All tickets shall lose their validity on 31 December of each respective year. It shall not be possible to transfer the remaining laps to the following year. The tickets are the property of CST GmbH. All lap tickets can be recharged and are to be used as a cash card.
- 6) Vehicles with delivery number plates (red numbers), short number plates (o3 and o4 numbers) and vintage car exchange number plates (o7 numbers) shall not be allowed.
- 7) Nürburgring Automotive GmbH reserves the right to exclude vehicles with visibly recognisable defects from the tourist drives. Claims for compensation shall not be allowed on the basis of such exclusions.

Section 2 – Use of the Nürburgring

- 1) The Nürburgring may only be entered and exited via the points which have been set up for this purpose and are marked as such.
- 2) The Nürburgring is a one-way street and is marked as such. Vehicles must drive in a clockwise direction.
- 3) Vehicles must use the roadway. They must drive on the right side. Overtaking is only allowed on the left.
- 4) The entire Nürburgring, including the hard shoulders, is an absolute no-stopping zone. Vehicles with technical defects are exempted from this rule. Turning back and reversing is also banned on the Nürburgring.
- 5) If a vehicle is left standing on the Nürburgring or on the adjacent facilities because of an accident or a technical defect, the vehicle driver must immediately report this incident to the race track management (phone 08000302112). The vehicle and/or the danger point must be properly secured and the vehicle must also be removed from the track area by the breakdown recovery vehicle which is used and authorised by the Nürburgring for this purpose in accordance with more detailed instructions from the race track management. The resulting costs shall be charged to the owner of the respective vehicle. Private vehicle recovery attempts are not allowed.
- 6) Snow chains and spiked tyres are not allowed to be used. Racing tyres are also banned (for instance slicks). No snow clearance service is provided.
- 7) Motorcyclists must wear complete protective clothing.
- 8) Car drivers and passengers must wear seat belts, and this also applies to persons in the rear seats. Children must be secured in appropriate child restraint systems.
- 9) There is an absolute overtaking ban in the vicinity of accident sites. Accident sites must be passed at appropriate speed, but at a maximum speed of 50 km/h. Signals from the deployed race track securing personnel, respectively the race track securing vehicles must be followed at all cost. This particularly applies to the display “Bus ahead”. Race track securing vehicles with their surrounding lights switched on are not allowed to be overtaken. Drivers who fail to observe such regulations shall be banned.
- 10) Road blocks/temporary closures of the track because of accidents, etc. are indicated by red signal lights.

Section 3 – Speed

- 1) On the Nürburgring the basic regulations on driving speed in accordance with Section 3, sub-section 1 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO) must be observed (see under excerpt from the German Road Traffic Regulations [StVO]).
- 2) Racing with motor vehicles is banned in accordance with Section 29, sub-section 1 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO). This explicitly also includes attempts by individual vehicles to set up speed records.
- 3) All users of the Nürburgring must comply with the speed limits on the track.
- 4) Vehicles must drive slower on the sections of the Nürburgring which are designated as “roadworks”. The specified speed limits are mandatory.

Section 4 – Liability and damage

- 1) Driving on the Nürburgring is not subject to any liability on the part of Nürburgring Automotive GmbH and persons appointed by this company. This exclusion shall not apply to damage to life or limb or impairment of health caused by a deliberate or negligent violation of obligations – also by a legal representative or vicarious agent of the group of persons released from liability – and also not to damage caused by a deliberate or negligent violation of obligations – also by a legal representative or vicarious agent of the group of persons released from liability.
- 2) Accidents and damage to the roadway, the hard shoulders, the fencing, the crash barriers or other installations or facilities of the Nürburgring must be immediately reported to the personnel of Nürburgring Automotive GmbH. Violations shall be reported as unlawfully leaving the site of an accident. The incurred damage shall be noted in a damage report and must be signed by the person causing the damage. The costs for repairing the damage, including the use of the race track securing personnel and the race track securing vehicles, shall be charged to the person who caused the accident. Upon request the hourly rates which are charged for personnel and/or the use of vehicles in the event of accidents may be viewed at the new access point next to the Nordschleife at “Meuspath”. The enforcement of higher claims for compensation for damage in individual cases shall remain unaffected by this regulation. This shall also apply to road blocks/temporary closures of the track which are not caused by accidents but instead by the loss of operating equipment.
- 3) Nürburgring Automotive GmbH shall be entitled to demand an advance cash payment for any damage caused by the user in accordance with the provision outlined above in sub-section 2.

Section 5 – Taxi rides

- 1) Operating commercial taxi rides, whether paid or unpaid, is forbidden within the framework of the tourist drives. A commercial taxi ride is every type of paid or unpaid passenger transportation of third parties which serves to achieve or initiate a direct or indirect profit and/or contractual performance. This in particular includes the achievement of initiation of business relationships with third persons, linking with other services of the person performing and/or operating the taxi rides, company incentives (internal, external), lotteries as well as the auctioning of rides via online auction sites, such as “eBay” and the offering of such rides on websites, in newspaper advertisements, etc.
- 2) A violation against sub-section 1 shall be punished by an immediate ban on entering the premises.
- 3) Every type of commercial use of the tourist drives must be explicitly authorised by Nürburgring Automotive GmbH. Driver training sessions or driving instructions conducted by third parties or private persons are forbidden during tourist drives as a matter of principle. This ban also applies to driving schools.

Section 6 – Noise/environment

- 1) Any type of environmental damage must be immediately reported to the supervisory personnel.
- 2) Vehicles which do not comply with the noise threshold values entered in the vehicle registration papers with regard to the noise emissions from stationary and moving vehicles shall be banned from driving on the track. Furthermore, the noise threshold value is not allowed to exceed the level in accordance with the near field measurement method (95 dB [A]) and the maximum sound-power level (140 dB [A]) stipulated by Nürburgring Automotive GmbH, measured when the vehicle is driving past. Nürburgring Automotive GmbH conducts sound measurement surveys on the course, and reserves the right to exempt vehicles from the tourist drives if they exceed the above noise threshold values, even if their noise threshold values do not exceed those stipulated in the vehicle registration papers. Vehicles with defective or illegally altered exhaust systems shall also be banned.
- 3) Drivers shall not be entitled to claims for compensation or repayment of the driving charge because of a ban imposed because of sub-section 2.

Section 7 – Miscellaneous

- 1) Driving on the “Steilstrecke” (a steep short cut), the rescue and supply roads is forbidden.
- 2) The instructions of the personnel of Nürburgring Automotive GmbH must be followed at all cost.
- 3) Photographs, filming and video recordings are banned during ongoing tourist drives as a matter of principle. Exceptions from this regulation shall require the explicit approval of Nürburgring Automotive GmbH.
- 4) Every type of commercial use of the tourist drives shall require the explicit approval of Nürburgring Automotive GmbH. Driver training sessions or driving instructions conducted by third parties or private persons are forbidden during tourist drives as a matter of principle. This ban also applies to driving schools.
- 5) All types of guided drives, with vehicles travelling in pairs or in convoys, are forbidden. Violations shall be punished by imposing a ban on the respective driver.
- 6) Drives for training purposes to increase safety during tourist drives shall require the explicit authorisation of Nürburgring Automotive GmbH.
- 7) In the event of the loss of a year card, this must be reported to Nürburgring Automotive GmbH within 48 hours, so that a replacement card can be issued. If Nürburgring Automotive GmbH is not appropriately notified regarding the loss of a card within 48 hours after ascertaining that a card has been lost, no replacement card shall be provided. If the loss is reported in good time, Nürburgring Automotive GmbH shall provide a replacement card. A processing fee of € 60 shall be charged for the replacement card.
- 8) Nürburgring Automotive GmbH reserves the right to conduct random tests to check the identity of the year card owner. In the event of misuse of the year card (for instance transfer) the card shall be confiscated without replacement and without reimbursement of the purchasing cost. Furthermore, Nürburgring Automotive GmbH reserves the right to impose a driving ban on the respective person and to report the misuse.
- 9) In cooperation with an officially appointed expert Nürburgring Automotive GmbH conducts technical inspections at the entry point. Vehicles which have defects or represent a danger to other users of the track shall be banned from participating in the tourist drives. No claims for compensation shall be allowed on the basis of such bans.
- 10) The track may be immediately closed down due to unforeseen reasons (for instance accident, weather, the state of the track, etc.). No claims for compensation shall be allowed on the basis of such track closures.

Section 8 – Penalties

A contractual penalty of at least € 250 (in words: two hundred and fifty euros) to the benefit of Nürburgring Automotive GmbH for any type of culpable violation of these general terms and conditions for driving on the Nürburgring shall be agreed between the user of the track and Nürburgring Automotive GmbH. The imposing of this contractual penalty when it is due shall not explicitly rule out the assertion of compensation for any greater damage. The user shall be explicitly entitled to prove that no damage was incurred or that the damage was considerably less than the lump sum penalty payment. Nürburgring Automotive GmbH reserves the right to impose a driving ban on the user for the various violations. The type and scope of the driving bans for the various violations may be inquired from Nürburgring Automotive GmbH.

Excerpt from Section 3, sub-section 1 of the German Road Traffic Regulations (StVO)

“The driver of the vehicle is only allowed to drive at speeds where he/she is capable of continually controlling the vehicle. The driver must in particular adapt his/her speed to the road, traffic, visibility and weather conditions as well as his/her personal driving skills and the characteristics of the vehicle and its load.”